



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6025

House of Representatives, March 29, 2017

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES UNDER SUPERVISION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "medical assistant" means a person who (1) is certified by the
3 American Association of Medical Assistants or the American Medical
4 Technologists, and (2) has graduated from a postsecondary medical
5 assisting program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of
6 Allied Health Education Programs, the Accrediting Bureau of Health
7 Education Schools or the Accrediting Council for Independent
8 Colleges and Schools.

9 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine to a person
10 eighteen years of age or older under the direct supervision, control and
11 responsibility of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
12 general statutes or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
13 pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes. Prior to administering
14 a vaccine, a medical assistant shall complete not less than twenty-four

15 hours of classroom training and not less than eight hours of training in
16 a clinical setting regarding the administration of vaccines.

17 Sec. 2. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

19 On or before January [1, 2017, and] first, annually, [thereafter,] the
20 Commissioner of Public Health shall obtain from the American
21 Association of Medical Assistants, [and] the National Healthcareer
22 Association and the American Medical Technologists a listing of all
23 state residents maintained on said organizations' registry of certified
24 medical assistants. The commissioner shall make such listings
25 available for public inspection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-6f

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which allows medical assistants to administer vaccines to adults under certain conditions and requires the posting of a list, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6025*****AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES UNDER SUPERVISION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows medical assistants meeting specified certification, education, and training requirements to administer vaccines to adults if acting under the direct supervision, control, and responsibility of a physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

The bill also makes a corresponding change to the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner's duty to annually obtain and make available a list of state residents certified as medical assistants by certain national organizations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING

Under the bill, to be eligible to administer vaccines as specified above, a medical assistant must:

1. be certified by the American Association of Medical Assistants or American Medical Technologists;
2. have graduated from a postsecondary medical assisting program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools; and
3. have completed at least 24 hours of classroom training and eight hours of clinical training on vaccine administration.

LIST OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

By law, the DPH commissioner must annually obtain from the American Association of Medical Assistants and the National Healthcareer Association a list of all state residents on each organization's registry of certified medical assistants. DPH must make the lists available to the public. The bill extends this requirement to also include a comparable list from the American Medical Technologists.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 2 (03/15/2017)